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MEDIA BUREAU REMINDS APPLICANTS OF NOVEMBER 2-9, 2021, NCE FM NEW STATION FILING WINDOW AND LIMITED APPLICATION FILING FREEZE TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 5, 2021

MB Docket No. 20-343

The Media Bureau (Bureau) reminds applicants of the upcoming filing window for applications for noncommercial educational (NCE) FM new station construction permits. As previously announced, the window will open at 12:01 am EDT on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, and close at 6:00 pm EST on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The window is available for FM reserved band (channels 201–220) proposals. All new NCE FM applications must be filed electronically on FCC Form 2100, Schedule 340 in the Bureau's Licensing and Management System (LMS). Applicants should select the application titled "New NCE FM Construction Permit Application" in LMS.

The 6:00 pm EST November 9, 2021, application deadline (Application Deadline) will be strictly enforced. Applications submitted before November 2, 2021, or after the 6:00 pm EST November 9, 2021, Application Deadline will be dismissed by public notice without further consideration. We, therefore, once again, encourage applicants to file early in the window to ensure proper and timely submission.

We remind applicants that in conjunction with this filing window, the Commission will not accept FM reserved band minor change applications or FM non-reserved band adjacent channels (channels 221 –223) and intermediate frequency (IF) (channels 254-274) minor change applications after 11:59 p.m. EDT, October 4, 2021. The freeze will continue in effect until the close of the window.

For additional information on the filing window and procedures, please contact Amy Van de Kerckhove, Amy. Vandekerckhove@fcc.gov; Arthur Doak, Arthur. Doak@fcc.gov; Rodolfo Bonacci, Rodolfo.Bonacci@fcc.gov; or Lisa Scanlan, Lisa. Scanlan@fcc.gov, of the Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418-2700. Direct press inquiries to Janice Wise, Janice. Wise@fcc.gov, (202) 418-8165.

¹ See Media Bureau Announces NCE FM New Station Application Filing Window; Window Open from November 2, 2021, to November 9, 2021, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 20-343, DA No. 21-463 (April 21, 2021); Media Bureau Announces NCE FM New Station Filing Procedures and Requirements for November 2-9, 2021, Window; Limited Application Filing Freeze to Commence on October 5, 2021, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 20-343, DA No. 21-885 (July 23, 2021) (July Procedures Notice). The July Procedures Notice provides an overview of the procedures, filing requirements, comparative selection process, and 10-application limit that will apply to the upcoming NCE FM filing window.

² Channels 201-220 are reserved for noncommercial educational FM broadcasting. See 47 CFR § 73.501.